GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Blackmarketing of Fertilizers
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether blackmarketing of fertilizers is happening on a large scale in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government thereon;

(b) the details of the demand and supply of various fertilizers along with their availability/distribution in various parts of the country, UT/State-wise; and

(c) the details of remedial measures taken by the Government to check the rise in the prices of fertilizers and to completely check the black marketing of fertilizers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a)& (c): Government has declared fertilizer as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and notified Fertilizer Control Order, 1985 and Fertilizer (Movement Control) Order, 1973. The State Governments have been empowered to take appropriate action to curb black-marketing of fertilizers and initiate action against the persons who violate these orders. Department of Fertilizers has, from time to time, written to the Chief Secretaries of various States and Ministry of Home Affairs to activate the enforcement agencies under their jurisdiction to take appropriate action to curb black-marketing. State Governments are responsible for ensuring availability of all subsidized chemicals fertilizers to farmers at subsidized rates. However, during the current year there is no report of black-marketing from any State Government so far.

Further, the present NBS Policy being implemented for P&K fertilizers w.e.f. 01.04.2010, promotes competition amongst the various fertilizer companies from public sector, cooperatives and private sector to provide fertilizers at reasonable prices to the farmers.

(b): A statement indicating the details of demand and supply of various fertilizers alongwith their availability/distribution in various parts of the country, UT/State-wise is annexed.

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